



Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County Proposition 84 IRWMP Implementation Grant

Attachment 1 – Authorization and Eligibility Requirements

Attachment 1 is mandatory and consists of authorization and eligibility documentation including the Urban Water Management Planning Act Compliance, CWC §525 compliance, Groundwater Management Plan Compliance, and IRWM Plan consistency. In Attachment 1 please provide the following items:

Authorizing Documentation – The applicant must provide a resolution adopted by the applicant's governing body designating an authorized representative to submit the application and execute an agreement with the State of California for an IRWM Implementation Grant.

Eligible Applicant Documentation: Eligible applicants are local agencies or non-profit organizations.

If DWR determines that the applicant does not have the authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State, the applicant will not be eligible for funding and application will not be reviewed.

The applicant must provide a written statement (and additional information if noted) containing the appropriate information outlined below:

Local Agencies

- Is the applicant a local agency as defined in Appendix B of the Guidelines? Please explain.
- What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?
- Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?
- Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.

Non-Profit Organizations

- Is the applicant a non-profit agency as defined in Appendix B of the Guidelines? Please explain.
- Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?
- Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.
- Include a copy of the certificate of incorporation for the organization.

GWMP Compliance – For groundwater management and recharge projects and for projects with potential groundwater impacts, either positive or negative, the applicant or the participating agency responsible for such projects must provide in Attachment 1 the following, as applicable:

- If the Proposal does not contain a groundwater management or recharge project or none of the projects in the Proposal have a potential to impact groundwater, either positively or negative, so indicate, and include in Attachment 1 the justification for such a conclusion.
- Identification of projects in the Proposal that involve any groundwater management or groundwater recharge or may have either positive or negative groundwater impacts.
- The agency(ies) that will implement such project(s).
- The status of the applicable GWMP compliance option as described below:
 - The applicant or participating agency has prepared and implemented a GWMP that is in compliance with CWC §10753.7.
 - The applicant or participating agency participates or consents to be subject to a GWMP, basin-wide management plan, or other IRWM program or plan that meets the requirements of CWC §10753.7.
 - The applicant or participating agency conforms to the requirements of an adjudication of water rights in the subject groundwater basin.
 - The applicant or participating agency is in the process of revising the GWMP to be compliant with CWC §10753. In which case, Attachment 1 must state the estimated date for adoption, which must be within one year of application due date (see the Schedule in Table 3).
- Copies of applicable GWMP.

Compliance with CWC §83002.(b)(3)(B) – Section II.B of this PSP presents two possible scenarios whereby projects within an IRWM Plan are eligible for implementation grant funding. If eligibility for this criterion is being established using an IRWM Plan that meets current plan standards as explained in the Guidelines that plan must be submitted as part of Attachment 1. If eligibility is being established using an IRWM Plan adopted prior to September 30, 2008 the Plan does not need to be submitted.

Consistency with an adopted IRWM Plan – Consistency with the adopted IRWM Plan means either the project is included as an implementation project for the IRWM Plan, or the project has been added to the IRWM Plan after adoption, but in accordance with the procedures in the adopted IRWM Plan. In Attachment 1, the applicant must provide a listing of projects proposed for funding and how those projects are consistent with the adopted IRWM Plan. In cases where the project has been added post adoption, please discuss how the addition of the project(s) was consistent with the procedures established in the adopted IRWM Plan. Applicant must provide documentation indicating that project(s) added post adoption were vetted by the IRWM group. Documentation such as meeting minutes and/or project approval letters from the IRWM group are considered acceptable for submittal.

Authorizing Documentation

Exhibit 1-1 (Att1_IG1_Eligible_2of5.pdf in the Bond Management System (BMS)) is the resolution adopted on 14 December 2010 by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors authorizing the County Executive Officer, or her designee, to submit a Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant proposal to the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Eligible Applicant Documentation

The discussion below substantiates that the applicant is a public agency as required by the Integrated Regional Water Management Program Guidelines (Guidelines).

1. *Is the applicant a local agency as defined in Appendix B of the Guidelines? Please explain.*

The County of Ventura (County) has been designated by the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC) to serve as the applicant. The Guidelines define a local agency as “any city, county, city and county, special district, joint powers authority, or other political subdivision of the State, a public utility as defined in Sections 216 of the Public Utilities Code, or a mutual water company as defined in Section 2725 of the Public Utilities Code (CWC §10535).” The applicant, the County, is a local agency under this definition.

2. *What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?*

The California Constitution establishes the legal authority of a County. On 22 March 1872, the Legislature of the State of California acted to create Ventura County from a portion of Santa Barbara County. The Act was effective 1 January 1873.

3. *Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?*

The County of Ventura has the necessary legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California, as cited in the 14 December 2010 resolution, which is attached as Exhibit 1-1 (Att1_IG1_Eligible_2of5.pdf in BMS). Previously, the County of Ventura entered into grant agreements with the State Water Resources Control Board, an agency of the State of California, for the Proposition 50 Implementation Grant and with the Department of Water Resources for the Proposition 50 Planning.

4. *Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.*

The County has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with each member agency of the WCVC that contributes funding to the Plan effort. Previously, entities receiving Proposition 50 Implementation Grant funds entered into legal agreements with the County for the purposes of grant administration and to ensure performance of the Proposal and the tracking of funds. A similar approach is planned should Proposition 84 funding be received. The County's prior experience with developing and entering into subagreements for grant funding administration demonstrates the County's ability to ensure performance of the Proposal and tracking of the funds.

GWMP Compliance

Most of the projects in the Proposal overlie groundwater basins that are recognized by DWR in Bulletin 118 and are managed under Groundwater Management Plans (GWMPs), as defined by AB 3030 and in compliance with CWC 10753.7. The GWMP for each project location is identified in Table 1.

The Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) is the agency responsible for the management of most of the groundwater basin for the Calleguas Creek Watershed and lower Santa Clara River Watershed. The GWMP

was updated in May 2007 and an electronic copy is attached within Exhibit 1-2 (Att1_IG1_Eligible_3of5.pdf in BMS).

The Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD) is coordinating the preparation of a GWMP for the Upper and Lower Ventura River groundwater basins. The preparation of the GWMP is funded by the Proposition 50 IRWM Implementation Grant under Project V-1 which is for Ventura River Watershed Planning. A draft report was submitted to VCWPD in August 2010 and a presentation made to the watershed communities is provided within Exhibit 1-2 (Att1_IG1_Eligible_3of5.pdf in BMS).

United Water Conservation District, the regional water management agency for the portion of the Santa Clara River Watershed within Ventura County, developed and adopted a GWMP for the Piru area in 1996. The groundwater management information is updated in the 2008 Piru and Fillmore Basins Annual Groundwater Conditions Report, which is provided within Exhibit 1-2 (Att1_IG1_Eligible_3of5.pdf in BMS).

The Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) prepared a GWMP for the Ojai

Basin, which was last updated in 2007 and is attached as Exhibit 1-3 (Att1_IG1_Eligible_4of5.pdf in BMS). Since the last update, OBGMA continues to monitor the groundwater basin and prepare annual reports on their activities and was awarded a grant for \$216,047 under the Local Groundwater Assistance Program from DWR for groundwater modeling in the 2007/2008 grant cycle.

Urban Water Management Plans

Table 1 presents the status of the project proponents' 2005 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Update and development of the upcoming 2010 Update, if applicable, by project. Some project proponents are not required to prepare an UWMP because they are not water providers (The Nature Conservancy, Ojai Valley Land Conservancy, and Camarillo Sanitary District). VCWWD No. 16 is a water provider, but does not deliver over 3,000 acre-feet (AF), and does not have more than 3,000 customers, which are the thresholds for delivery and number of connections for UWMP preparation.

Table 1: Status of GWMPs and UWMPs by Project

Agency	Project Name/#	Status of GWMP	Status of UWMP
City of Oxnard (Oxnard)	Ventura County Regional Urban Landscape Efficiency Program (VC-RULE) (R-1)	The GWMP for the FCGMA and OBGMA have been adopted as described above.	The 2005 UWMP was deemed complete by DWR on 27 February 2007. The 2010 UWMP Update will be submitted by the 1 July 2011 deadline.
Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas)	Calleguas Regional Salinity Management Pipeline (SMP), Phase 2A (C-14)	The GWMP for the FCGMA has been adopted as described above.	The 2005 UWMP was deemed complete by DWR on 6 September 2006. The 2010 UWMP Update will be submitted by the 1 July 2011 deadline.

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Camrosa Water District (Camrosa)	Round Mountain Desalter (C-13)	This project overlies a basin that has not been recognized in Bulletin 118 as a groundwater basin by DWR. Camrosa will establish a groundwater management effort in accordance with SBx7-6 as part of the DWR California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program.	The 2005 UWMP was deemed complete by DWR on 26 June 2009. The 2010 UWMP Update will be submitted by the 1 July 2011 deadline.
Camarillo Sanitary District (CamSan)	CamSan/Camrosa Recycled Water (RW) Interconnection (C-15)	The GWMP for the FCGMA has been adopted as described above.	No UWMP required.
United Water Conservation District (UWCD)	Seawater Barrier Pilot Well (SC-9)	The GWMP for the FCGMA has been adopted as described above.	The 2005 UWMP Update was deemed complete by DWR on 18 November 2008. The 2010 UWMP Update will be submitted by the 1 July 2011 deadline.
Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 (VCWWD No. 16)	Piru Treatment Plant Tertiary Upgrade (SC-10)	The GWMP for the UWCD Piru Basin has been adopted as described above.	No UWMP required.
The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	Natural Floodplain Protection Program (SC-7)	The GWMP for the FCGMA and UWCD have been adopted as described above and cover the entirety of the Santa Clara River watershed.	No UWMP required.
Ojai Valley Land Conservancy (OVLC)	Ojai Meadows Ecosystem Restoration Final Phase (V-5)	The GWMP for the Upper Ventura River is in its early stages with a draft report submitted to the Ventura County Watershed Protection District in August 2010.	No UWMP required.

Compliance with CWC
§83002.(b)(3)(B)

therefore, the IRWM Plan does not need to be submitted.

Eligibility under this criterion is being established using an IRWM Plan that was adopted prior to 30 September 2008 and

Consistency with Adopted IRWM Plan

As described in the Implementation Grant PSP, Attachment 1 should provide a listing of projects, how the projects are consistent with the adopted IRWM Plan, and for those projects added post adoption, how project addition is consistent with the IRWM Plan procedures. The sections that follow describe each of these elements.

Project List

Table 2 lists the projects that have been selected for this Proposal. A summary for each project is provided in the table. More detailed information about each project can be found in Attachment 3 and the IRWM Plan Addendum found within Exhibit 1-4 (Att1_IG1_Eligible_5of5.pdf in BMS).

Table 2: Projects Proposed for Funding and Consistency with IRWM Plan

WCVI IRWM Plan Project	Project Summary	Project in Adopted IRWM Plan	Proposed Future Projects/Concept in Adopted IRWM Plan	Added to IRWMP Plan through Addendum Process
VC-RULE (R-1)	VC-RULE is a partnership of nine agencies seeking to optimize irrigation practices and systems in the region by implementing landscape water use efficiency audits and improvements. This will translate to water savings and increased water supply reliability for Ventura County.			✓
SMP Phase 2A (C-14)	Phase 2A of the SMP will extend the existing regional pipeline for collection and transfer of salty water by an additional 12,000 linear feet, allowing for concentrate discharge from potential future agricultural desalters and wet season discharge from the CamSan Recycled Water Interconnection.		✓	
Round Mountain Desalter (C-13)	Round Mountain Desalter will treat local brackish groundwater using reverse osmosis technology to provide up to 1 million gallons per day (mgd) of a new source of potable water, improve local supply reliability, and reduce Camrosa's purchases of imported water by approximately 10 percent.		✓	
RW Interconnection (C-15)	The Recycled Water Interconnection will be 9,600 feet of 24-inch pipeline to link CamSan's water reclamation plant to the Camrosa storage ponds and the Calleguas SMP. This will allow up to 6.75 mgd of recycled water to be distributed to CamSan and Camrosa's customers from both the pipeline and the storage ponds.		✓	
Seawater Barrier Pilot Well (SC-9)	The approximately 1,200 feet deep Seawater Barrier Pilot Well will be installed to gain valuable information regarding aquifer effects and benefits through injection of up to 1,000 gallons per minute (gpm) of potable water for up to 5 years. Additional wells may be added in the future to provide additional barriers to seawater intrusion through injection of potable and/or recycled water treated with reverse osmosis.		✓	
Piru Treatment Plant Tertiary Upgrade (SC-10)	The Piru Treatment Plant Tertiary Upgrade will provide tertiary treatment such that the recycled water is suitable for reuse for irrigation. The new system will supersede the existing percolation ponds, eliminating a concentrated source of groundwater salinity.		✓	

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Natural Floodplain Protection Program (SC-7)	Implementation of the NFPP will preserve a critical section of the remaining undeveloped 500-year floodplain in the Santa Clara River Watershed by acquiring property easements to preclude development. Acquisition of these easements will provide downstream flood benefits by allowing flooding to occur upstream in the watershed.	✓		
Ojai Meadows Ecosystem Restoration Final Phase (V-5)	Ojai Meadows Ecosystem Restoration will remove non-native species and revegetate 41 acres of upland and transitional habitats in the Ojai Meadows Preserve for improved wildlife habitat. The restoration will also stabilize lands that drain to the wetlands that were developed in the prior phase of the project.	✓		

Consistency with Adopted IRWM Plan

The suite of projects listed in Table 2 and included in this Proposal is consistent with the existing WCVI IRWM Plan as follows:

- Two of the eight projects were specifically identified in the adopted IRWM Plan.
- Five of the eight projects were identified as Proposed Projects and Project Concepts for Future Consideration in the adopted IRWM Plan and have been developed further for implementation as described in the IRWM Plan Addendum (Exhibit 1-4 or Att1_IG1_Eligible_5of5.pdf in BMS).
- The eighth project was formally included in the IRWM Plan addendum (Exhibit 1-4 or Att1_IG1_Eligible_5of5.pdf), that was adopted using the procedures described in the adopted IRWM Plan.

Table 2 provides a brief summary of each project and identifies whether the project was specifically included in the adopted IRWM Plan, whether the project was identified as a Proposed Projects and Project Concepts for Future Consideration in Appendix G of the adopted IRWM Plan, or whether it was included in the Addendum to the adopted IRWM Plan

using the procedures described in the adopted IRWM Plan.

IRWM Project Addition and Addendum Procedures

As described in Attachment 2, the WCVI and more than 30 participating entities adopted the first WCVI IRWM Plan (IRWM Plan) in 2006. The process for adding projects to the WCVI IRWM Plan is detailed in Section 6.2c of the Plan, which is excerpted in Exhibit 1-4 (Att1_IG1_Eligible_5of5.pdf in BMS).

Table 3 provides a summary of the WCVI stakeholder actions regarding project selection and IRWM Addendum preparation. These projects were reviewed by stakeholders in the three watershed committees, the Steering Committee, and the General Membership. Once the final suite of projects was selected and approved, an addendum found in Exhibit 1-4 (Att1_IG1_Eligible_5of5.pdf in BMS) was prepared. The IRWM Addendum adds those projects not included in the adopted 2006 WCVI IRWM Plan to the IRWM Plan and provides more detailed information for the projects that have been developed since adoption of the IRWM Plan.

Table 3: Project Addition and Approval Milestones

Committee	Action	Date
Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County – General Membership	Initiate call for projects	Fall 2009
All Watershed Committees	Review Proposed Projects within each watershed	Spring and Summer 2010
Calleguas Creek Steering Committee	Approved list of projects for the Calleguas Creek Watershed for Steering Committee consideration	18 August 2010
Santa Clara River Watershed Committee	Approved list of projects for the Santa Clara Watershed for Steering Committee consideration	19 August 2010
Ventura River Watershed Council	Approved list of projects for the Ventura River Watershed for Steering Committee consideration	24 August 2010
WCVC Steering Committee	Recommended Action on Suite of Projects	14 September 2010
WCVC General Membership	Suite of Projects Approved/Staff directed to prepare Administrative Addendum to IRWM Plan ¹	16 September 2010

¹ The minutes from the 16 September 2010 meeting are included as an appendix to the Addendum (Exhibit 1-4 or Att1_IG1_Eligible_5of5.pdf in BMS).

LIST OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1-1: Board of Supervisors Resolution (Att1_IG1_Eligible_2of5.pdf)

Exhibit 1-2: FCGMA GWMP, Upper and Lower Ventura River GWMP Status Presentation, UCWD Piru and Fillmore GWMP (Att1_IG1_Eligible_3of5.pdf)

Exhibit 1-3: OBGMA GWMP (Att1_IG1_Eligible_4of5.pdf)

Exhibit 1-4: IRWM Plan Addendum (Att1_IG1_Eligible_5of5.pdf)